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TUCUMCARI ONE OF BIG TOWNS

The Western Trail Gives Tucumcari a Good Boost in August Number.

WE ARE DESTINED TO BE A RAILROAD CENTER

The representative of the Western Trail who was here some weeks ago gives the town a very creditable write-up and the News will give its subscription the full benefit of it. The article is as follows:

This hustling city lies on the New Mexico Plateau in the shadow of Tucumcari Mountain—called by the Indians the Squatty Mountain because of its peculiar shape—at an altitude of 4,000 feet. Situated in the midst of a fertile farming section where fine crops are being produced without the aid of irrigation, blessed with an inexhaustible supply of the finest, purest and most exhilarating air in the world, and with an ample supply of excellent water, Tucumcari would seem to be especially favored by nature. And man has not been slow in his appreciation, for more than 250 cars of emigrant outfits have been unloaded there during the last twelve months, besides hundreds of persons who have supplied themselves with necessities through the business houses of Tucumcari. One general store sold last year over \$370,000 worth of goods. Then other hundreds have come overland in prairie schooners, horseback and afoot and their tents cover acres in the suburbs where they are impatiently awaiting the providing of houses for their occupancy.

The sound of the builder is heard on every side. Many substantial business blocks are being rapidly pushed to completion, tenants ready, waiting and urging the work along. A particularly noticeable feature is the natural building material, a richly-colored sandstone found in immense quantities in Tucumcari Mountain, a short distance from the city limits. This stone can be had for the quarrying. It is as easily worked and handled as wood, but becomes hardened by exposure to the air. This material is largely used in local con-

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SUGGESTED ITENERARY TO THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

The Rock Island Railway Company Has Suggested an Itinerary for the Southwest and Return Via the Rock Island.

A recent folder of the Rock Island Company has sent out an itinerary for the benefit of home-seekers who wish to visit the Southwest that may be of benefit to people interested. Tucumcari is the end of the going trip and we feel that this will give our town and county a great advantage during the several excursions the Rock Island will run this fall. The itinerary to Tucumcari is as follows:

Leave Chicago 6:30 p. m. October 1. Leave Kansas City 11:00 a. m. October 2. Arrive Plains, Kansas, 2:22 a. m. October 3. Stop here in the heart of the great wheat belt of Southwestern Kansas. Autos available to see the surrounding country. Leave Plains 11:45 a. m. October 4. Arrive Guyman, Oklahoma 2:05 p. m., October 4. Stop here to see wonderful Beaver county in the Oklahoma Panhandle. Guyman Commercial Club will show city and district gladly. Leave Guyman 2:05 p. m. October 5. Arrive Stratford, Texas, 3:27 p. m. October 5. Stop here to see one of the best towns in the Texas Panhandle. Experimental farm of 1600 acres—well worth a visit. Management will be pleased to show visitors the farm. Leave Stratford 3:27 p. m. October 6. Arrive Tucumcari, New Mexico, 7:55 p. m. October 6. This is the county seat of Quay county, a city of nearly 4000. This city has grown fifty per cent in one year. Many buildings going up, constructed of beautiful native granite. Tucumcari is on a plateau, somewhat elevated, hence climate is fine. The soil is also very rich, and, taken altogether, Tucumcari is one of the most promising new cities in all the Great Southwest. From Tucumcari the Dawson Railroad runs north into the great coal fields and serves to make Tucumcari the distributing point of an immense traffic. The Commercial Club will be glad to show you

their city. Tucumcari is the end of going trip and (if this suggested itinerary is followed) it should be the destination of your ticket.

PAY ROLL REACHED \$15,000 THIS MONTH

Employees of the E. P. & S. W. Had a Pay Day Monday Business Interests of Tucumcari Received an Appreciable Benefit.

PAY ROLL TO REACH \$35,000 WHEN SHOP IS WORKING

Tucumcari had the greatest pay day Tuesday in the history of the town. Since the division was established here the railway pay days have been greatly increased and Tuesday exclusive of trainmen reached the handsome figure of \$15,000. This was an increase of \$6,000 over the previous pay day.

This is the largest amount of money the pay car gives out on the Southwestern system except at El Paso. This paper is informed that as soon as the new shops are under way the local pay roll will reach \$35,000 and maybe more each month. This will put into Tucumcari over \$400,000 annually to the local employees of the Southwestern and should the Choctaw build in as is expected during the next six months, railway employees here will earn more than a half million annually, the greater part of which will be spent here at home. This income, not to mention the agricultural and stock interests of the county will make Tucumcari one of the best business points in New Mexico.

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A 2ND TRANS- CONTINENTAL

Development Along Rock Island Road Here Is Hastening Through Line.

The Amarillo Daily Panhandle says:

"I had the pleasure of riding with Mr. Berry and Mr. Maher this morning after they had made their visit here," said T. J. Clark, southwestern immigration agent of the Rock Island, yesterday morning in speaking of the inspection trip of the Rock Island officials here, "and they say they are simply amazed at the looks of the country and the development that is going on here. I had told them that all this country down here was growing fast but even at that they were not prepared for what they found.

Mr. Clark is at the head of the publicity and immigration work for the great Southwest with the emphasis on the plains country through Okla., the Panhandle and New Mexico. He is by habit and profession an optimist of the booster variety and his best efforts for the last several years have been given to directing capital, people and push to the new country. He is succeeding largely and he thinks that the best things are yet to come. Among some of the best things he pulls for is Rock Island improvements in this country and is a staunch advocate of the transcontinental Rock Island line through here.

"You see," continued Mr. Clark in relating the impression of the engineering party, "both Mr. Berry and Mr. Maher had been in this country several years ago, although I believe that they had never been in Amarillo. They have not been back during the last three or four years and the rate of development beat their expectations. They were uniformly well pleased at the prospects here and will go back to map out construction work on the first section west at once. The depot plans will also be included in their recommendations.

The business of the town is booming, bank deposits having increased over 300 per cent in twelve months. New Mexico, being the

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